

He's Still the Messiah!  
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**Matthew 11:1–6**

1 After Jesus finished giving instructions to his twelve disciples, he went on to minister in different villages throughout the region.

2 Now, while John the Baptizer was in prison, he heard about what Christ was doing among the people, so he sent his disciples to ask him this question:

3 “Are you really the one prophesied would come, or should we still wait for another?”

4 Jesus answered them, “Give John this report:

5 ‘The blind see again, the crippled walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised back to life, and the poor and broken now hear of the hope of salvation!’

6 And tell John that the blessing of heaven comes upon those who never lose their faith in me —no matter what happens!”

**John 1:29-34**

29 The very next day John saw Jesus coming to him to be baptized, and John cried out, “Look! There he is—God’s Lamb! He will take away the sins of the world!

30 I told you that a Mighty One would come who is far greater than I am, because he existed long before I was born!

31 My baptism was for the preparation of his appearing to Israel, even though I’ve yet to experience him.”

32 Then, as John baptized Jesus he spoke these words: “I see the Spirit of God appear like a dove descending from the heavenly realm and landing upon him—and it rested upon him from that moment forward!

33 And even though I’ve yet to experience him, when I was commissioned to baptize with water God spoke these words to me, ‘One day you will see the Spirit descend and remain upon a man. He will be the One I have sent to baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

34 And now I have seen with discernment. *I can tell you for sure that this man is the Son of God.*”

Verse 3- “Are you really the one prophesied would come, or should we still wait for *another?*”

The GK word for (another) means: “*another of a different kind.*”

**Matthew 3:7,12-Passion**

7 But when he saw many coming from among the wealthy elite of Jewish society and many of the religious leaders known as Pharisees coming to witness the baptism, he began to denounce them, saying, “You offspring of vipers! Who warned you *to slither away like snakes from the fire of God’s judgment?*”

12 He comes with a winnowing fork in his hands and comes to his threshing floor to sift what is worthless from what is pure. And he is ready to sweep out his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his granary, but the straw he will burn up with a fire that can’t be extinguished!”

**Isaiah 61:1-2-AMP**

1 THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed *and* qualified me to preach the Gospel *of* good tidings to the meek, the poor, *and* afflicted; He has sent me to bind up *and* heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [*physical and spiritual*] captives and the opening of the prison *and* of the eyes to those who are bound, [Rom 10:15]

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [*the year of His favor*] ...

**Jesus is assuring John that the message he brings *is life and salvation, not judgment and wrath.***

**Verse 6 – AMP -** And blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) is he who *takes no offense at Me and finds no cause for stumbling in or through Me and is not hindered from seeing the Truth.*

**Passion... And tell John that the blessing of heaven comes upon those *who never lose their faith in me —no matter what happens!***

Jesus said the same thing to His disciples before His crucifixion.

**Matthew 26:31-AMP**

Then Jesus said to them, You will all *be offended and stumble and fall away because of Me* this night [*distrusting and deserting Me*], for it is written, I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.